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SUBJECT: SLUDGE PROJECT

REF: NASSAU 222; STATE 6907

1. DEPT AND EPA ARE UNABLE TO GO MUCH BEYOND INFORMATION ALREADY SUPPLIED BY STATE 6907. (NOTE: ACCORDING TO RALPH HALLER, MINISTER ANTHONY ROBERTS HAS GIVEN ORAL ASSURANCES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT BAHAMAS CABINET APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR PROJECT.)

2. NATURE OF SLUDGE WAS DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL. A DETAILED CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF PHILADELPHIA SLUDGE BEDS PREPARED BY EPA IS BEING POUCHED. RESULTS OF ANALYSIS ARE NOT EVALUATED BECAUSE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC USES OF SLUDGE IS REQUIRED FOR PROPER EVALUATION.

3. THERE ARE DIVIDED OPINIONS AMONG TECHNICIANS AS TO SIGNIFICANCE OF METAL CONTENT OF SLUDGE AND ITS EFFECT
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ON FOODSTUFFS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. EPA IS FUNDING

SEVERAL TEST STUDIES, ONE IN FULTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND ANOTHER AT MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN. DEFINITIVE RESULTS ARE

NOT EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME AND EFFECTS OF LONG-TERM BUILDUP OF HEAVY METALS FROM SLUDGE APPLICATION ARE NOT FULLY ADDRESSED IN THESE PROJECTS.

4. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT RALPH T. HALLER ASSOCIATES ARE TO BE HIRED TO MONITOR CAT ISLAND PROJECT. (AFTER THIS SPECIFIC PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED, TREATED SLUDGE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SHIPPED TO CAT ISLAND FOR DEHYDRATION AND SALE FOR USE ON OTHER ISLANDS.) HALLER'S TASK WOULD BE TO ASSURE AGAINST UNHEALTHFUL CONCENTRATION OF DANGEROUS METALS. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, APPARENTLY, TEST WELLS WOULD BE DRILLED ADJACENT TO SLUDGE STORAGE AREA AND PERIODIC SAMPLINGS TAKEN OF GROUND WATER FOR VERIFICATION AGAINST LEAKAGE FROM TANKS.

5. HALLER INFORMS DEPT THAT HE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES ARE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO NASSAU TO PROVIDE FURTHER BRIEFINGS FOR BAHAMIAN OFFICIALS. EPA WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH GCOB OFFICIALS (FROM NASSAU OR THEIR EMBASSY HERE) IN WASHINGTON. SHOULD BAHAMIANS WISH FURTHER PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENTS, EPA COULD PUT THEM IN CONTACT WITH OTHER GOVT EXPERTS AND PRIVATE ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS IN THIS FIELD. KISSINGER

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